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NMFS Extends Comment Period for the Atlantic Bluefin Tuna Quotas and Atlantic Tuna Fisheries Proposed Rule and Reschedules Gloucester, MA Public Hearing

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) announces the extension of the comment period for the proposed rule regarding Atlantic bluefin tuna (BFT) quotas and Atlantic tuna fisheries management measures (76 FR 13583, March 14, 2011). The **comment period is extended from April 14, 2011, to April 28, 2011**, to receive additional comment from the public and other interested parties.

NMFS has rescheduled the Gloucester, MA public hearing from March 21, 2011, as follows:

The new date and time is: April 1, 2011, 1 to 3 p.m.

The location remains: NMFS, 55 Great Republic Drive, Gloucester, MA

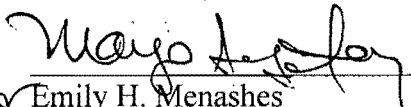
NMFS will schedule two additional public hearings in the Portland, ME and Fairhaven, MA areas to be held within the extended comment period. These public hearings will be announced shortly.

Please go to www.nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/hms/breaking_news.htm to view the proposed rule and supporting documents. You may submit comments (identified by "0648-BA65") through April 28, 2011, by using any one of the following methods:

- Submit electronic comments via the Federal eRulemaking Portal <http://www.regulations.gov>
- Fax: 978-281-9340, Attn: Sarah McLaughlin
- Mail: Sarah McLaughlin, Highly Migratory Species Management Division, NMFS, 55 Great Republic Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930

To be considered, electronic comments must be submitted via the Federal eRulemaking Portal <http://www.regulations.gov>. Do not submit electronic comments to individual NMFS staff.

This notice is a courtesy to Atlantic tuna fisheries participants to help keep you informed about the fisheries. Official notice of Federal fishery actions is made through filing such notice with the Office of the Federal Register. For further information, contact the Highly Migratory Species Management Division at 978-281-9260.


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